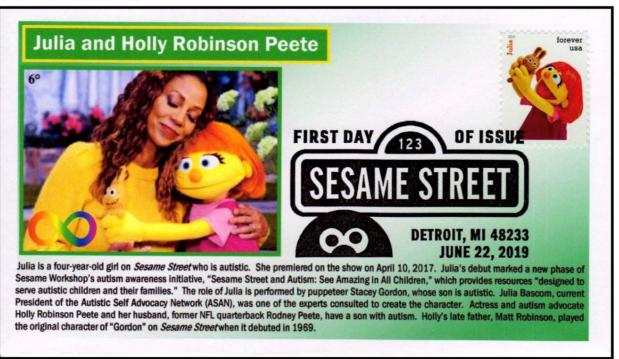


Maya Angelou (1928–2014) was a U.S. Poet Laureate, actress, and raconteur (a person who tells anecdotes in a skillful and amusing way). She narrated and appeared in the *Sesame Street* special *Elmo Saves Christmas* in 1996. She also appeared in several *Sesame Street* insert segments in the 1990s, including the celebrity versions of "A New Way to Walk" and "Sing." In other inserts, she talks about 'N' words to Natasha (First: Episode 3822), plays patty-cake with Elmo while she raps about 'M' words (First: Episode 3832) and 'E' words, claps hands with Herry Monster while he says 'H' words, and sings "My Name" with Elmo and the kids.





Holly Robinson Peete (b. 1964) is an actress and the daughter of *Sesame Street* actor/producer Matt Robinson, the original Gordon. As a child, she appeared on the series, on at least one occasion, as one of the kids. Best known for her roles on such TV shows as 21 *Jump Street, Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*, and the UPN sitcom *Love Inc.*, the actress has reminisced in various print and online publications about her father and his *Sesame Street* work. In 2018, she began starring in the reality series *Meet the Peetes*, which featured a *Sesame Street* set visit in an April 2019 episode. The episode showed Peete recording a "Sesame Street Memory" video, which was released online in October 2019.